IN THE UNITED STATE

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT

CASE NO.C V 6 1 4 - 0 9 5

GENERAL ORDER

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) requires the parties to confer, develop a proposed discovery plan, and submit a report to this Court. Subsequent to the filing of the report, a Scheduling Order must be entered pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b). Therefore, by the earlier of 21 days after the filing of the last answer of the defendants named in the original complaint or 45 days after the first appearance by answer or motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 of a defendant named in the original complaint, the parties shall confer as provided in Rule 26(f). L.R. 26.1(a). Thereafter, within 14 days after the required conference held pursuant to Rule 26(f), the parties shall submit to the Court a written report conforming to the language and format of the Rule 26(f) Report attached to this Order outlining their discovery plan. L.R. 26.1(b).

Except in unusually protracted or complex cases, the parties will be expected to adhere to the following deadlines and limitations:

- 1. The parties shall serve *all written discovery* on opposing parties and shall complete all depositions within **140 days** of the filing of the last answer of the defendants named in the original complaint. L.R. 26.1(d)(i).
- 2. The plaintiff must furnish the *expert witness reports and disclosures* required by Rule 26(a)(2) within **60 days** after the Rule 26(f) conference. L.R. 26.1(d)(ii).
- 3. The defendant must furnish the expert witness reports and disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2) within **90 days** after the Rule 26(f) conference (or **60 days** after the last answer, whichever is later). L.R. 26.1(d)(iii).
- 4. The last day for filing motions to add or join parties or amend the pleadings is **60 days** after the first answer of the defendants named in the original complaint. L.R. 16.3.
- 5. The last day for *filing all other motions*, including *Daubert* motions but excluding motions in limine, is **30 days** after the close of discovery. L.R. 7.4.

Plaintiff's counsel shall ensure that a copy of this Order is served upon each party. Finally, a party who cannot gain the cooperation of the other party in preparing the Rule 26(f) report should advise the Court prior to the due date of the report of the other party's failure to cooperate.

SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE SOUTHERN DISTRICT of GEORGIA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA DIVISION

V.	Plaintiff Defendant).	Case No.
	RULE	26(f)	REPORT
1	Date of Rule 26(f) conferen	nce:	
2.	Parties or counsel who par	ticipa	ated in conference:
3.	If any defendant has yet to and state when service is e		erved, please identify the defendanted.
4.	Date the Rule 26(a)(1) disc	closur	es were made or will be made:
5.		_	he initial disclosures required by es to the timing or form of those

(a)	Identify the party or parties making the objection or proposal
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	Local Rules provide a 140-day period for discovery. If any sy is requesting additional time for discovery,
(a)	Identify the party or parties requesting additional time:
(b)	State the number of months the parties are requesting for discovery:
	months
(c)	Identify the reason(s) for requesting additional time for discovery:
	Unusually large number of parties
	Unusually large number of claims or defenses
	Unusually large number of witnesses
	Exceptionally complex factual issues
	Need for discovery outside the United States

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(b)	State the nature of any propose	ed limits:
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	day for filing motions to add in parties or amend pleadings	60 days after issue is joined
	day to furnish expert witness	60 days after Rule26(f)

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If ar	ny party requests a modification of	f any of these deadlines,
(a)	Identify the party or parties requ	uesting the modification:
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(b)	Identify any issues regarding ele	<u>-</u>

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he case is known to involve claims of privilege or protection of l preparation material,
State whether the parties have reached an agreement regarding the procedures for asserting claims of privilege or protection after production of either electronic or other discovery material:
Briefly describe the terms of any agreement the parties wish to have memorialized in the scheduling order (or attach any separate proposed order which the parties are requesting th Court to enter addressing such matters):
Identify any issues regarding claims of privilege or protectio as to which the parties have been unable to reach an agreement:

The parties certify by their signatures below that they have discussed the nature and basis of their claims and defenses and to possibilities for prompt settlement or resolution of the case. Ple						
state any specific problems that have created a hindrance to the settlement of the case:						
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